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As Time Grows Nearer Towards the Primaries the State Fight Is Becoming More Interesting.

Number of Candidates Already Announced Reaches Proportions of a Small Sized Army and Of Course Each One Is Sure of Victory.

Every New Reform that Can Be Dug Up Is Being Trotted Out By the Different Factions, Who Will Stand for Anything to Get the Jobs.

The Fight for Control of the State Organizations Will Be the Big Show from Now On, with Many Surprises Appearing on the Horizon.

and honors is becoming more interest-

ing every day. The number of candidates has already reached the proportions of a small sized army and arguments pro an con between the different factions are reaching the boiling point.

On the Republican side the fight is ecially interesting. There are three or four different sets of progressives, several factions of the real dyed in the wool standpatters and then comes the crowd who are progressives, machine men and standpatters altogether

One faction wants a referendum on everything from presidents down, and the other wouldn't stand for a referendum on a sure thing.

The fight for the governorship is be coming so tangled up that before long the different aspirants will have trouble in telling who are their real sup-

Following is the list up to date of the aspirants for the Republican nom-

ination for Governor: Walter Clyde Jones, Chicago. John M. Glenn, Chicago. John E. W. Wayman, Chicago. Charles S. Deneen, Chicago. Charles F. Hurburgh, Galesburg. Frank L. Smith, Dwight. Len Small, Kankakee. Richard Yates, Springfield. Charles Adkins, Bement. L. Y. Sherman, Springfield. E. J. Murphy, Joliet. J. E. Paden, Evanston.

On the Democratic side things are warming up slowly but surely. Col. voters throughout the state with his brilliant oratory in his campaign for United States Senator, and victory for

him in the Spring is a certainty. Edward F. Dunne is getting ready to open his campaign for the govern orship, and from all indications the popular former mayor will come down

the home stretch a winner. The fight for control of the state or ganization will prove the hottest of all and from present observations a good big surprise party is bound to occur.

Well, Taft has the country editors of Republican faith with him at any rate. The Illinois Republican Editorial Association Tuesday adopted resolutions "approving the candidacy of containing no expression of prefer. fered are the fairest ever submitted in encé on the Illinois governorship. Regarding the tariff, the resolutions say:

We adhere to the Republican policy of protection, and favor a scientific revision of the tariff which contemplates the maintenance of the American rate of wages and the American standard of living."

A copy of the resolution was ordered sent to President Taft.

The resolutions also denounce the initiative and referendum and the recall as "socialistic doctrines" and destructive of republican government.

for nomination in the Republican

of the general assembly.

The editors declared for an amendment to the primary election law, limiting nominations by primaries to county and minor offices and recommended a system of conventions composed of delegates chosen by the people at the primary elections for all nominations for higher than county of-

Watch out for surprises in the state fight next spring.

How many times do you get the right number on the telephone?

The aldermen are still pondering over the ward redistricting plans. Two plans were presented to the city council at the meeting Monday night. The first was the one indorsed by the committee on elections by a vote of 9 to 8 and presented by Ald. Anton J. Cermak, chairman, and the second came from Ald. Bernard F. Clettenberg, representing the minority on that committee. The council ordered both published and deferred action until a subsequent meeting. Clettenberg's idea would put the present aldermen from the 18th and 19th wards in the new 18th ward. Its boundaries would be the river, West Kinzie street, North Ashland avenue, West Madison street, Ann street, Van Buren, Loomis, 12th, South Halsted and Bunker streets. Mayor Harrison's veto of plan 3 for harbor development between Grant Park and 51st street was received and accepted by the council. The meeting was unusually short out of respect James Hamilton Lewis is delighting for the late Ald. Herman Bauler. His desk had been draped in black and a bouquet of roses placed on it by Sergeant-at-Arms William H. Brown. Adjournment was taken to meet again next Monday night.

Mayor Harrison believes in redistricting the ward boundaries according to actual conditions. "We must redistrict on conditions as they are and not upon theories," said the mayor Tuesday morning, again upholding the redistricting plan as submitted to the city council last Monday night. "There are some theories that are all right, and it would be nice if they could be followed, but unfortunately there are conditions that arise that make it impossible to follow theories. Conditions President Taft for renomination and rule, and I believe, taking everything indorsing his administration." but into consideration, that the plans of

And don't forget that outer harbor.

The sway of the loan sharks among public employes is going to be ended County Judge John E. Owens an nounced that no assignment of salary in favor of a loan shark from any one connected with the election machinery would again be recognized as long as by Comptroller Ryan and that he exhe is in office. "I have issued an order to this effect to the Board of Elec- during November and December. The They demand that all candidates tion Commissioners," said Judge Ow- new ruling of County Attorney Wilson ens. "Some of the employes that get to the effect that no unearned salaries

The Big fight for next year's offices | atorship as binding on the members | order applies to judges and clerks of election, to special investigators and to all the employes of the Election Commissioners' office. Comptroller Frank S. Ryan said that deserving employes in the County building will also

be permitted to draw ahead for Christ-

be charged. County Treasurer O'Con-

More street signs

he victim ever expects to get.

are if they mortgage everything that

Plenty of street lights. An outer harbor. Better telephone service

Chairman Norman Mack of the Democratic National Committee has sent out a call for the national committee to meet in Washington on January 8, 1912, to select a date and place for the next Democratic national convention. The committee meeting will be held in connection with a Jackson Day banquet.

The telephone monopoly thinks they have the city council. We'll wait and

The Illinois Republican progressives are dead stuck on the idea of having a preferential vote on the presidency, and they propose to take a voluntary poll by post card. They plan to send out more than 1,000,000 cards in Illinois to get an expression on presidential candidates, providing the Republi can party leaders refuse to grant their demand for a primary on the presiden tial aspirants.

Chicago has one thing that it can't be thankful for and that is its telephone service.

Why are the elevated platforms littered up with gum and weighing ma-

Double Extra! Chicago is not going to lose her Health Department head.

Health Commissioner George B Young announced on Monday that he would not become a candidate for the position made vacant by the death of Surgeon General Morgan Wyman at Washington more than a week ago Dr. Young talked the matter over with Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh when he was in Washington last week. mas purposes and that no interest will and told him that he did not believe it would be fair for him to resign as

PHONE SLAVERY

The People of Chicago Pray for Deliverance from the Grasp of the Awful Bell Monopoly.

Chicagoans Forced to Pile Up the Profits of Three Different Corporations and Thus Boost Stock Dividends.

The Bell Monopoly Owns the Local Telephone Company and the Western Electrical Company and Makes One of Them Patronize the Other.

As the Bell Company Wants a Big Profit Itself It Is Easy to See Why Telephone Rates Are to Be Raised.

menced a bitter and an uncalled for attack on the Mayor and honest aldermen of the city of Chicago who are fighting for the people's rights against a heartless monopoly.

The Telephone Trust is opposed to the honest, capable and efficient serv-

The Telephone Trust has com- | pany which has expended over \$2,300,- | To abolish all flat phones and make 000 in instruments, wires and station everybody takes measured service. equipments, to be forced to give up all of this to satisfy the Telephone Trust.

> Any alderman who votes in favor of an increase of rates for the Telephone Monopoly will be beaten to a finish the next time he runs for office. ding to some accounts several who are working for the monoly and its franchise may not be residents of Chicago when the next

> election comes around. The Telephone Monopoly is busy circulating "ugly rumors" about the Corporation Counsel, the Mayor and the honest aldermen who are standing up for the people's rights.

"Ugly rumors" is good. Aldermen who are anxious to learn the truth ought to inquire into the details of the passage of the telephone ordinance five years ago.

"Ugly rumors"!

Well, there are some pretty ugly rumors going the rounds just now. But the Mayor, Corporation Counsel and honest aldermen are not the ones affected by them.

A watchful eye is being kept on the situation by too many people to have it easily misunderstood. A new report has been ordered on

the books and accounts of the Telephone Trust. When the aldermen get that report they ought to be in a position to low

If they raise them they will raise something hotter than this climate has been for the past few weeks.

From a learned "Expert's" reports to the City Council we learn that: Telephone rates should be raised because the Bell Telephone Company owns the local telephone company. Because the Western Electrical Company is also owned by the Bell

Telephone Company. Because the local telephone company is obliged to buy all of its equipment and necessaries from the West-

ern Electrical Company. Because neither the Western Electrical Company or the local telephone company would have big enough profits to suit the Bell Telephone, which owns them, if Chicago people were not pressed for a little more coin and their telephone rates raised.

Because the local telephone company has increased its capital stock from the original \$500,000 to \$27,000, 000 and \$5,000,000 more in bonds. Because the stockholders would not get big enough dividends on this im-

mense stock issue if the people of Chicago were not squeezed. Therefore the telephone company has the nerve to ask the City Council to raise the rates on the people of

The people of Chicago are to be used as serfs by the telephone monoply and the last drop is to be squeezed out of

In the meantime it would be well for the aldermen to inquire into the alleged relations, in the past, of certain city officials with the above electrical company, the twin of the local telephone company, both being owned by

The telephone gang want the council to raise the rates on all phones.

To put a nickel in every phone be-

fore connection is made. Fire Marshal Seyferlich that as practically one-half of the fire and police alarms are received by telephone, he did not favor the general installation of the "pay-in-advance" type of telephone instrument now being placed in various parts of the city

From the learned telephone expert whose report was submitted to the City Council in May, 1911, we learn on pages 49 and 50, that the Bell Telephone monopoly that reaches all over the country, owns a controlling interest in the local telephone company and the Western Electrical Company. "The latter is purely a manufacturing company," says the report, "engaged in the manufacture of Bell telephone apparatus and supplies." In 1904 a contract was entered into between the local telephone company and the electrical company, both of them owned by the Bell monopoly, whereby the local company agreed to purchase all of its supplies from the electric company. Under the terms of this contract the electrical company agrees to deliver to the telephone company r.11 telephone appliances manufactured under the license of the Bell Telephone Company. The local telephone company, on the other hand, agrees to purchase all its supplies from the electrical company.

Here we have a fine sample of how the parent monopoly makes the subsidiary monopolies pile up profits for each other and the public pays the freight.

On page 52 of the report of this "Expert" to the City Council we find the statement made that the Bell monopoly charges a rental of 62 cents per station for each set of instruments

This would amount to \$133,200 yearly, but the expert discovered that the local company really paid the parent company \$355,711 last year.

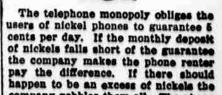
About this enormous overcharge the "expert" naively says on page 52 of the report now in the hands of the Council committee: "In justification of the payment of the difference between these amounts, or \$222,411, the Chicago company receives certain services from the parent company which it is claimed are worth the amount paid.

These services consist of technical advice and counsel and the use of apparatus patented by the parent com-

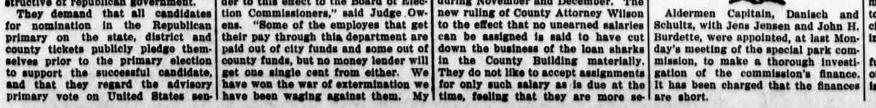
What do you think of that? And then the aldermen are asked to raise the rates on the people to

help the local company out Any alderman who votes to raise rates should be outlawed.

Rates are twice as much as they ought to be at the present time. They should be reduced.



company gobbles them all. The phone



time

nell stated that he is ready at all times

to honor advance salary orders issued

pects there will be a number of them

JOHN F. SMULSKI.

Leading Banker and Public Spirited Citizen.

been in the city's employ so short a colleagues are prepared to give to the city with their automatic service. The Telephone Trust has changed managers in Chicago and has decided

health commissioner here, as he had ice that Mr. J. Ogden Armour and his

It wants the Illinois Tunnel Com-

to throw dirt upon honest men in the city government who oppose its domincering and extortionate methods.

The Illinois Tunnel Company has fully complied with the terms of its ordinance and yet the grafters union